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A photograph of four people (two women and two men) smiling and posing on their bicycles on a paved path. The woman on the left is wearing a pink shirt and sunglasses. The man next to her is wearing a brown shirt. The man next to him is wearing a blue blazer over a checkered shirt. The woman on the right is wearing an orange shirt and glasses. They are all looking towards the camera. The background shows a green lawn and some trees.

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Pictured from left to right are Caroline Bartle, Steve Ward, Dr Graham Parkhurst and Henrietta Sherwin

UWE leads the way in cycling research and practice

UWE is set to become one of the leading universities for cycling research and innovation in cycling practice. The recent announcement of inward investment to Bristol of £11.3 million was significantly influenced by a Great Western Research PhD studentship project being undertaken by Henrietta Sherwin, with Dr Graham Parkhurst from the Centre for Transport and Society as lead supervisor.

For the past two years the project, 'The potential for behaviour change towards bike rail integration to contribute towards the sustainable mobility of the South West', has focused on the feasibility of introducing an integrated transport system combining cycling and rail. As part of the project Henrietta Sherwin convened a steering group made up of partners at Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council, First Great Western Trains and Hourbike Ltd to investigate the feasibility of introducing a bike hire system to Bristol.

Henrietta explains, "The idea for a bike hire scheme has evolved over the past two years. We looked at schemes running elsewhere, including in Paris and the Netherlands and came to see that there is a better way forward. In Paris the entire network was put in place before it was launched and this has resulted in some areas having too many unused stands and others in busy hubs proving insufficient for the demand.

"What we propose to do in Bristol is to build a scheme that grows in response to demand starting off in a fairly modest way by positioning bikes in natural hubs like railway stations. It is anticipated that the system will grow as more businesses, hospitals, schools, primary health care trusts, gyms and retailers join the scheme. An important aspect of the scheme is the efficient way that it will evolve according to the needs and demands of participating organisations and business."

In addition to this influential research project, UWE has set up a range of services aimed at encouraging more staff and students to cycle to work.

Steve Ward was appointed UWE Transport Planner in 2006 and has worked hard to ensure that UWE encourages sustainable transport options. As part of this remit he has introduced a range of incentives to help staff and students choose cycling as their primary means of transport.

Steve said, "I'd like to see as many people as possible living within a five mile radius of UWE campuses cycling to work. We are doing all we can to encourage people to consider this by enabling staff to purchase a bike tax free through the cycle to work scheme. Take up for the cycle to work scheme has been phenomenal with over 100 staff purchasing bikes since the scheme started last year.

"We also provide maps and routes surrounding all campuses and welcome the introduction of a bike buddy scheme. This was set up by PhD student Caroline Bartle from the Centre for Transport and Society and is made up of volunteer guides who can share routes to work from 40 localities in and around Bristol and this scheme has proved very popular.

"We have also recently launched a Bike Users Group (BUG) forum for staff and students to exchange information related to cycling matters. All this and more cycle racks and better shower and changing facilities have contributed to a growing number of people who are opting for two wheels rather than four."



Sustainability is at the heart of UWE's commitment to cycling. As a key partner in the bike hire scheme, the University intends to host eight bicycles on campus out of the 60 planned in the first phase of the scheme this autumn.

Pictured on their bikes are from left to right Caroline Bartle, Steve Ward, Dr Graham Parkhurst and Henrietta Sherwin

Cyclescheme a resounding success with staff

Since July 2007 UWE has teamed up with Cyclescheme Ltd to help employees take advantage of tax and NI savings on bike purchases in order to commute to work. The scheme has proved to be very popular with staff and so far over 100 have taken advantage of the scheme. Cyclescheme is a Government initiative designed to make owning a bike financially easier, cut congestion and improve health.

Emma Lutkin administers the scheme for UWE, she said, "Cyclescheme's process has been really easy to implement and run. Once a voucher has been requested by the individual it usually takes no more than three weeks to get the voucher. I was really pleased when I was given the task of looking into implementing a Cycle to Work scheme at UWE - I'm a bit of an eco nut so was very excited about being able to have a new bike to get to work on without it costing the earth!

"Since July 2007 when it was launched over 110 vouchers have been issued and I'm really pleased with the success of the scheme and, as it has no end date, I hope that will continue. Cycling to work, particularly if it's a short journey, is so much nicer than being in a car in traffic and it's amazing how easy it becomes if you're not ultra fit to start with."



Kieran O'Malley, a Technician in School of Life Sciences, was the first person to get a voucher. Kieran cycles in about twice a week and although a self confessed fair-weather cyclist, he said, "I had been toying with the idea for ages and the scheme kick-started me into buying a Specialized Rockhopper, a much more souped up spec than I might otherwise have considered. My route from Bedminster takes in the Bristol to Bath cycle path and has introduced me to parts of Bristol I hadn't explored before. It's proved to be great exercise and it saves me 20 percent on my fuel costs for every day that I choose to cycle. I've also found that my journey times at the end of the day are much shorter when I cycle. I'd recommend the scheme to everyone at UWE."

Maggie Westgarth received the 100th voucher and looks forward to cycling to work, she said, "I have ordered a six gear extra light weight titanium Brompton that can deal with the hills between my home and Freshford station and folds away neatly for my train journey from Freshford to Filton Abbeywood. The cycle to work scheme has made a very expensive bike much more affordable and will get me out of my car and on to the train."

To find out more about the scheme, visit www.uwe.ac.uk/cycle

Kieran O'Malley

UWE ranked third in UK for sustainability

UWE has been ranked third out of all UK universities by the annual People and Planet survey which measures sustainability and highlights those institutions which have made the greatest strides in achieving this. The University has jumped five places since last year's survey, in which UWE was ranked eighth. <http://peopleandplanet.org/gogreen/greenleague2008>

Professor Steven West, Vice-Chancellor of UWE, says the result is welcome recognition for the staff and students who have worked hard to achieve this position. "Environment and sustainability is an integral part of the University, both academically and within the professional services. In recent years UWE has built upon its expertise in teaching and research in sustainability related disciplines, recognising our role to ensure our students are equipped with the skills to make a positive difference towards a sustainable future.

"On 24 June 2008 we announced the launch of a new Institute for Sustainability, Health and Environment bringing together skills and expertise from across the University to deliver holistic learning. We have also committed to ensuring that every UWE student will be exposed to the core issues in the sustainability agenda, whatever course they are studying. UWE is striving to deliver the whole package; education for sustainable development on a sustainable campus."

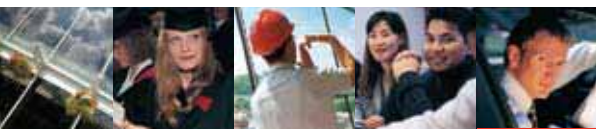
This year new initiatives include the launch of the University's low emissions bus service for students and staff, as well as UWE playing a key role in promoting cycling in Bristol. These initiatives build on UWE's strong commitment to sustainability through achievements such as gaining Fair Trade status; reducing gas consumption by 50 per cent sourcing local and organic food for catering outlets; regular Farmer's Markets; a commitment to health and wellbeing; a strong volunteer

programme and achieving 32 per cent recycling. The award also recognises the strength of the University's Environmental Policy and Sustainability Strategy, launched in March 2008. See: www.uwe.ac.uk/environment/documents/Strategy.pdf

Mark Webster, UWE's Environment Manager said, "Winning this accolade is a considerable achievement given the size and complexity of the University - it is also great recognition for all those who have made tremendous efforts to deliver the University's sustainability objectives so far and a boost for us to continue to improve."

Drivers with the new Ulink bus (above)





UWE wins award at Biggest Bike Ride

UWE has won an award for participating in Bristol's Biggest Bike Ride on 22 June. The University had the highest number cyclists in the large business category of the Business Challenge supported by Hartnell Taylor Cook LLP in association with Business West. Steve Ward, UWE's Travel Planner said, "It is great to know that so many people from UWE enjoyed taking part in this important community cycling event. We are keen to encourage as many people as possible to consider cycling as a mode of transport as well as a fun and enjoyable pastime with health benefits."

Employability update

There was a successful staff development conference on 2 June on employability developments at UWE, attended by over 70 staff from across faculties and services. The event included an introduction on progress on the implementation of the University's Employability Strategy from John Clarke, Head of Employability and Life Skills and a presentation on the research into graduate attributes undertaken by the SEP Employability Project led by Professor Kath Ross. The main part of the conference was devoted to workshops on resources that are available to support staff in employability work with students, plus examples of initiatives underway already in different parts of the institution. John Rushforth led the afternoon discussion on strategic developments at UWE and stressed the central importance of employability to UWE's mission. While one of the main concerns expressed by staff at the event was the need for more coherence and support for employability developments, John pointed to the new Employability Advisory Group which had been established as a means to address these issues.

Among the resources being presented on the day was the MyFuture employability e-learning resource (<http://myfuture.uwe.ac.uk>). This product has been developed in a collaborative project between the Career Development Unit and ITS and will be available for staff across the institution from the start of the next academic year. This product has recently been piloted with students and received very positive feedback. One student said, "It made me think about aspects that I wouldn't have even considered ... good for making you really think about what is going to help you in the long run..." The MyFuture resource also includes an innovative link with YouTube to allow students and graduates to upload comments and video on their own experiences in the building their skills and employability capabilities.

New sustainability institute for UWE

Sustainability, health and environment are high on the national and international agenda. Climate change and the need for sustainable and integrated policy action are at the centre of political and public discourse. The pursuit of sustainable development profoundly influences population health and well-being and vice versa.

In response to the challenge of global sustainability, the University has established the Institute for Sustainability, Health and Environment (ISHE), bringing together research expertise from three distinct areas where UWE already has an outstanding reputation.

Launching the Institute, Vice-Chancellor Professor Steve West said, "There can be nothing more important than the health of our planet and our people. The University is in a unique position to bring researchers, practitioners and policy makers together in an innovative way to work in partnership to create new solutions for the future."

The new Institute's expertise will cover public and environmental health; spatial and transport planning; leisure, tourism and society; sustainable and healthy communities; governance and democracy; air quality management; low carbon technology and management; environmental science; environmental justice; plant science; biomedicine, clinical and health services.

By joining up these areas of expertise under one initiative, ISHE aims to connect better the sciences and technology with public policy, finding practical solutions to intractable world problems on all scales, from local communities to global climate change.

ISHE will be co-directed by Professor Jim Longhurst, Associate Dean in the Faculty of Environment and Technology and Judy Orme, Reader and Director of the Centre for Public Health Research in the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences. Professor Longhurst explained, "We have noticed an increasing synergy in projects that blend health and the environment. The new Institute will enable us to strengthen our international reputation in these key research areas which are critically important to society as we strive towards a lower carbon lifestyle."

"We believe that this will be a unique institute and that consolidating our expertise in this way has the potential for our researchers to contribute work of significant global relevance. UWE is well known for its expertise in these areas and ISHE will provide real opportunities for researchers, professionals and practitioners to collaborate across the subject boundaries with positive outcomes for society."

Judy Orme concurs, "We are very excited about the benefits that new collaborations can bring. Planning for instance has an enormous impact on health issues across the life course. A recent example is work at UWE on healthy play where playground design has been shown to have a critical impact on the level of children's activity."

The next steps for the institute include consultation events in the autumn for colleagues across the university; a joint UWE/University of Bristol conference entitled 'Sustainable Futures in an Ageing World' to be held at UWE in September and an ISHE inaugural conference in early 2009.

For more details of the Institute visit <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/research/ishe>

ISHE Launch (from left) Robin Means (HLS), Jim Longhurst (ET), Judy Orme (HLS), Steve West (Vice Chancellor) and Martin Boddy (ET)



UWE graduates represent Great Britain in Olympic Games

Two UWE graduates have been selected to represent Great Britain in the Olympic Games in Beijing in August.

Bristol born archer, Larry Godfrey, who studied for an HND in Mechanical Manufacturing (1997 to 2000) took up archery at the age of nine and has been a consistent performer at international level. He narrowly lost out on bronze at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games by one point to Tim Cuddihy of Australia in the third place play off.

Pete Reed, a past UWE Rowing President (2002-2003) studied Mechanical Engineering at UWE from 2000 until 2003. He then went on to study for a Master's at the University of Oxford.

Pete has enjoyed a phenomenal rise through the GB senior ranks, winning gold with the men's four at the 2005 and 2006 World Championships. At the 2008 GB Senior Selection Trials in Belgium Pete won the men's pairs final for the fourth year running with Andy Triggs-Hodge. Pete has been selected in the men's four for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Pete was a late entrant to the sport, learning to row at UWE in 2002. Whilst at UWE he was coached by Fred Smallbone, a former Silver Olympic medallist, who was a great inspiration to him. Fred Smallbone coaches the Men's Senior Squad and he was a member of the Great Britain 8 in the 1970s which won a silver medal in 1976 Montreal Olympics. He also coached the USA national team at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and is a Silver Award Coach.

Stuart Vanstone, UWE's Head of Sport, said, "We are delighted to hear of the selection of these two talented UWE graduates for the Olympic squad representing Great Britain this summer. Pete has

maintained his strong links with UWE and is an active member of the Boat Club Alumni and has recently rowed in the Alumni boat in the Varsity boat race against the University of Bristol.

"Both Pete and Larry were members of the Advanced Athlete Group whilst studying at UWE and we are pleased that the support we were able to give has enabled them to progress and achieve great results in their respective disciplines. I wish both Pete and Larry every success and hope that many of our current student athletes who are members of the Advanced Athlete Group can emulate their success at the Olympic Games in London 2012 and the commonwealth games in 2014."

Pete Reed



Welcome Weekend 08

New students will be letting their hair down and making new friends at the UWESU Welcome Party on Saturday 20 September. With familiar faces from BBC Radio 1 keeping them entertained all night - it's a real high point for Welcome Weekend 08.

The University and UWE Students' Union have put together a host of activities and events to welcome Freshers in style on all campuses.

Music, food and entertainment will bring most campuses to life over the weekend. Bower Ashton Campus will celebrate with a Welcome Monday party and BBQ.

'Chill out' and 'no alcohol' areas will also be provided for those students who would prefer a quiet space to relax in during the weekend.

International students will begin their three day rolling programme of induction activities and social events on Wednesday 17 September. The UWE Students' Union have planned a pre-Freshers party on Thursday 18 September in Red Bar to help international students settle in at UWE.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Steven West, and the UWE Students' Union are planning to say Hello and Welcome to all students this year - not just those in student accommodation. Whether students are living in private accommodation, at home or on another campus, all will be invited to attend the welcome to UWE talks in the Freshers marquee at Frenchay Campus. Music from the UWE Big Band and a BBQ will add to the relaxed moods and help to ease those nerves and encourage students to start to make new friends.

Face painting and chocolate nirvana fountains will be a feature on all campuses over the weekend and a small army of student ambassadors will meet and greet at Frenchay and St Matthias, and Freshers Angels will be out in force at Glenside Campus.

The Vice-Chancellor and UWE Students' Union will also be on tour at Bower Ashton, Glenside and St Matthias on Welcome Monday and Tuesday, meeting and greeting new students informally during their induction week.

The Welcome Team look forward to seeing as many UWE staff as possible over the weekend - welcoming students in style and getting off to a wonderful start to another academic year.

Full details of activities and events for Welcome Weekend can be found at www.uwe.ac.uk/newstudents08 or contact sue.fox@uwe.ac.uk



Welcome Weekend 2007



Urgent need for campaign to highlight skin cancer risk

Skin cancer diagnosis in the UK is rising by eight per cent each year pointing to a critical need to ensure that people understand the importance of sun protection. Experts from the Social Marketing Centre at Bristol Business School recommend that skin cancer prevention campaigns need to target a variety of at risk groups with messages that will resonate appropriately.

Their report 'Social Marketing based strategy for sun protection interventions' stresses that any campaigns would also need to draw a clear link between over exposure to sun and the risk of developing skin cancer later in life.

Working in collaboration with the South West Public Health Observatory, the researchers suggest an urgent need to invest in awareness campaigns like *Sunsmart* in Australia and *Pool Cool* in Colorado. Both campaigns emphasised the importance of using sun screen, wearing appropriate clothing and avoiding the intense heat in the middle of the day.

Professor Lynne Eagle, Co-Director of the Social Marketing Centre at UWE says, "The growing incidence of skin cancer in the UK and associated costs to the NHS highlights the need for a range of media campaigns that target at risk groups in the right place, at the right time with the right message. This might seem obvious but it's a complex and difficult thing to achieve. We have analysed campaigns run in a number of countries and come up with strategies that could work with the range of at risk groups in the UK".

Dr Julia Verne, Director, South West Public Health Observatory, said "I welcome this report. The South West has the highest incidence and mortality rates for skin cancer in the country. The report brings together some interesting concepts in an area of public health that clearly needs a new approach, based on understanding people's knowledge and attitude to sun exposure. It offers some really useful pointers to new ways of working and we will be looking at how to take up some of these suggestions over the next year." To read the full story go to <http://info.uwe.ac.uk/news/UWENews/article.asp?item=1295&year=2008>

Colin Fudge

On 29 May current and former colleagues and friends gathered in the Architecture and Planning Studio to say farewell to Colin Fudge. Over 100 people attended to say goodbye and thank you for the service, help and advice he had provided over the last 12 years at the University, initially as Dean of the Faculty of the Built Environment, and for the last six years as Pro Vice-Chancellor.

At his presentation the Vice-Chancellor drew special attention to Colin's many attributes, including his special expertise and broad experience in relation to leadership, strategy and policy development, understanding of people and organisation, and the ability to be both internally involved in the University and externally at regional, national and international levels. He emphasised the unique qualities and leadership that Colin brought to bear on university research and knowledge exchange, the RAE, the Sustainability Strategy, the development of the Faculty of the Built Environment and more recently, the Faculty of Environment and Technology and stressed the importance of Colin's input into the highly successful University Estate Projects, including the student village, the architecture studios building and extension, the Education Faculty building and Bower Ashton. Colin's strong leadership, listening, humour, support for staff and future orientation has served the University very well and he will be greatly missed.

In August, Professor Colin Fudge takes up the appointments of Deputy Vice Chancellor at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) and adviser to the Australian Government on cities. He will also be the Australasian representative for CABI, Chair of the Swedish Research Councils International Committee for the Urban Sustainability Programme and Board Member of Chalmers University International Advisory Board. He will speak at the World Urban Forum in Nanjing, China in November.



Steve West (left) and Colin Fudge

UWE historians pen plays for 'Trade It'

Madge Dresser and Dr Edson Burton have written two of the ten mini plays that were performed as part of *Show of Strength's* innovative open air production *Trade It*. *Trade It* took the form of a walk of discovery featuring unexpected performances in Bristol's lost locations with audiences being led between performances in guided groups by actor stewards. All the plays were inspired by the theme 'trade yesterday' and 'trade today'.

Ten writers were invited to contribute a 10 minute mini play and Madge and Ed were joined by well known writers Catherine Johnson (*Mamma Mia!*), Sandi Toksvig (BBC Radio and television) and Mustapha Matura.

Madge Dresser comments, "These 10 minute mini-plays vary from those treating on contemporary issues around fair trade/race relations to those on historical themes inspired by our research on Bristol's slave trade.

"Performances were staged in some intriguing and little-known locations in Bristol's backstreets. Some are comedies, some more serious, but all raise issues around morality today.

"My piece is a 'two-hander, inter-cutting an account of Dinah, a young African servant in Bristol who is resisting being shipped to her master's plantation in Nevis after she spurned his advances, and the response of her mistress who believes her husband's allegations that Dinah tried to steal from her. Dinah's story is loosely based on two fragmentary historical sources detailing African servants whose owners tried to transport them back to the harsher regime of the Caribbean plantations."

Edson Burton describes his play, "Cicero is a 10min tour de force of physical theatre and verse. Set in 19th century post abolition Bristol Cicero posits Africans not just as victims but as survivors. Yet as the drama unfolds the audience is led to consider the cost of survival."

UWE drama students also took part as stewards and performers presenting them with a great opportunity to work with a professional theatre company.

UWE students produce films to highlight dangers of knife crime and drug abuse

Two UWE students have produced timely films about knife crime and drug abuse as part of an awareness raising collaborative project lead by the Positive Role Models Agency in partnership with the University of the West of England and Aardman Animations. The Positive Role Model Agency is a partnership between Community group 'IDEAL' and community activist George Francis.

The increase in knife crime and the tragic surge in teenage deaths in recent months points to the importance of highlighting these issues to secondary school aged children in every way possible.

The Sharp Shotz Animation Competition targeted local Bristol secondary schools and youth groups, attracting over 40 entries from teams throughout the city. The winning ideas, from teams at the Bristol City Academy (Outlaw Yutez) and Fairfield School (Brizzle), have been brought to life as two short films produced by students Tom Malins (2nd Year Animation) and Georgina Reynolds (1st Year Media Practice).

Georgina Reynolds has produced 10 Seconds, a film highlighting the horror associated with knife crime.

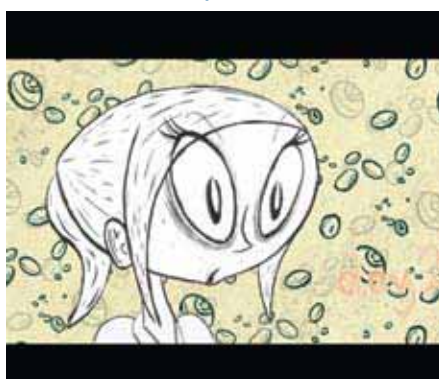
Tom Malins's film Nine Lives is an animation of traditional 2D drawings coloured and brought to life using computer

animation set against cardboard models and traditionally painted backgrounds. The story juxtaposes the idea of a cat with nine lives and a young girl who is experimenting with drugs.



Still from 10 seconds by Georgina Reynolds

Still from Nine lives by Tom Malins



The films will be distributed to schools and youth groups and form part of the pack for the next annual Sharp Shotz Animation Competition.

Shawn Sobers, the lecturer at UWE who helped co-ordinate the project, said, "This partnership with IDEAL has been a really positive experience for everyone and the resulting films are something that everyone involved can feel justly proud of. The students have benefited hugely from their involvement and this experience will improve their employment prospects immeasurably. The issues explored in the film are particularly important in the time we now live in and we hope that the messages will resonate amongst the target audience.

Sharp Shotz World Premiere screening took place at the Council House in Bristol on Thursday 17 July at 11.00

The two films are available to watch on Youtube: www.youtube.com/user/sharpsotzanimation

Criminal Justice Unit hosts major conference double bill

The UWE Criminal Justice Unit (Law) will host two important one day conferences in September. 'Managing high risk sex offenders in the community' (8 September 2008) and 'Sexual offences and criminal justice: challenging myths, supporting victims' (9 September 2008).

On 8 September the focus will be on the way in which high-risk sex offenders can be effectively monitored when they are eventually released into the community. The conference aims to evaluate the measures used in the treatment and risk management of sex offenders and questions whether such high-risk offenders can be effectively managed within the community. The conference is aimed at probation, prison and police officers; psychologists and psychotherapists; lawyers, judges, prosecutors; educators, voluntary workers and academics.

The speakers include Dr Sarah Brown, (Chartered Forensic Psychologist); Professor Stephen Shute, (University of Birmingham); Dr Bernadette Rainey, (Cardiff Law School); Professor Terry Thomas, (Leeds Metropolitan University); Mark Farmer, (Head of the Sex Offender Team in the Public Protection Unit of the National Offender Management Service); Jason Wood, (De Montfort University); Dr Karen Harrison (UWE).

The conference on 9 September will examine the nature and effect of myths and negative social attitudes on the enforcement of the law regarding sexual offences. Despite significant law reform in the last 30 years, and efforts by the

police service and other criminal justice agencies to improve the treatment of complainants, the conviction rate in rape cases is falling and attempts to improve agency responses to sexual offences have had mixed results. The conference will examine the influence of rape myths in wider society and the criminal justice process, discuss original empirical research findings and examine attitudes to female, male and child sexual victimisation.

The speakers include: Professor Charnelle van der Bijl LLD (Stellenbosch University, South Africa); Louise Ellison (University of Leeds); Joanna Jamel (University of Leicester); Vanessa Munro (University of Nottingham); Fiona Raitt (University of Dundee); Phil Rumney (UWE); Jennifer Temkin LLD (University of Sussex); Carol Withey (University of Greenwich). In addition, HHJ Judge Peter Rook QC will speak on 'The nature of judicial training in respect of the trial of serious sexual offences' and Dr Kate Cook (Manchester Metropolitan University) will be giving a paper entitled: 'Rape Crisis: Responding to Sexual Violence'.

Phil Rumney, the 9 September event organiser, says, 'There is a large body of evidence suggesting that social attitudes, myths and stereotypes negatively impact on the enforcement of the criminal law in cases involving sexual offences. This event is the first to be organised that brings together researchers and criminal justice professionals to discuss the problem and possible solutions.' For further information contact:

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UWE students help create a legacy for pupils at Knowle Park Primary School

For the second year running students from the School of Creative Arts have been working with 66 Year Six (Y6) pupils at Knowle Park Primary School in Bristol to create a visual legacy for the next Y6 pupils to enjoy and be inspired by.

The resulting work, a digital photography exhibition of portraits taken by the UWE students featuring the children, was launched at a special opening at the school on Monday 14 July. The pupils, school staff, parents, UWE students took part in celebrating this wonderful achievement. The photography exhibition comprised of images of the children acting in role play situations which show their ambitions for the future. Ambitions chosen by the children include musical actresses, car designers, archaeologists and fashion designers. The photographs replaced the images taken by the school's previous year children last year.

Shawn Sobers, UWE's Senior Lecturer in Photography and Outreach Co-ordinator helped to organise the project with a group of seven photography students. He explained, "It is fantastic to be able to continue this project for the second year running with Knowle Park. The school wanted the project to include every Y6 pupil by giving them an opportunity to leave some sort of visual legacy for future pupils to enjoy. I hope that this partnership between the school and the university can become an annual event. We are already planning to show the work at our Bower Ashton campus later in the year and invite all the children and parents, which will be great as they will all be in their secondary schools by then, so it will be a huge reunion."

Pupils also visited the gallery at the Royal West of England Academy to see the Through the Lens photography exhibition, and had a tour by professional photographers and curators involved with the show, and also had a practical workshop to help inspire their creative ideas.

James Walker, Year 6 teacher at Knowle Park Primary School, said, "The children were given a great opportunity to think about their ambitions and dreams for the future. They thoroughly enjoyed working with the UWE students and learning about photography. The art gallery really got the children thinking outside the box about the different sorts of images that can be created."



"The presence of positive role models for the children helps them see the opportunity that higher education can offer. It's fantastic to have a link between primary and higher education and we would be eager to work with UWE again on further projects."

John Year 6 from Knowle Park (Photograph by Amelia Stewart, level 1 photography BA (Hons) student)

Symposium - International Law and Armed Conflict

Bristol Law School is hosting an international symposium on International Law and Armed Conflict, which will be taking place in Bristol from 3 - 5 September 2008 on the Frenchay Campus. This symposium strives to bring together academics, practitioners, research students and others interested in this field. The aim is to review and examine the challenges facing international law relating to armed conflict and to identify gaps in knowledge, policy and practice. The symposium will provide an open forum where relevant issues and perspectives can be discussed and views candidly exchanged. Further information is available on the symposium website: <http://bls.uwe.ac.uk/international-law-armed-conflict/index.cfm>

Socio-Legal Studies Association conference

Bristol School of Law has successfully won the right to hold the annual Socio-Legal Studies Association (SLSA) conference in 2010. The SLSA is the leading body for socio-legal scholars and holding the conference will give the School of Law and the university national and international recognition.

UWE researchers work in Africa

UWE researchers Professors Moira Plant and Martin Plant have been invited to collaborate with members of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences in the University of Pretoria in South Africa to carry out two main tasks.

Firstly, they will be devising a long-term national programme of research into the economic costs of alcohol and other drug problems in South Africa. In preparation for the conduct of local studies on the economic cost of problems related to psychoactive substance use in South Africa, a provisional training manual for team members will be produced during a meeting in July. This will be attended by the UWE researchers, together with representatives from the University of the North, Pretoria University and Johannesburg University (South Africa) as well as Makerere University (Uganda). It is likely that the new research programme will include studies similar to some of those carried out by UWE's Alcohol and Health Research Unit. The latter include epidemiological surveys of alcohol, tobacco and drug use by young people and adults in varied social settings.

Secondly, the Plants will advise on the creation of a network and support mechanism for alcohol researchers throughout Africa. It is hoped that these will be able to come together at a series of small, informal symposia similar to those the UWE team have been arranging in the UK for over 30 years. (These meetings currently take place twice a year in Kendal.) Support for this plan has already been secured from colleagues in Africa's two heaviest drinking countries, Nigeria and Uganda. South Africa, 'the Rainbow Nation', has many health and social problems, including those related to legal and illicit drug use. Like other sub-Saharan countries, it also has catastrophic levels of HIV/AIDS and high levels of premature mortality. Many of these problems appear to be growing.

Moira Plant comments: "It is a privilege to be able to work with a multi-racial team. Alcohol and other drug alcohol problems are far too widespread for any single country to respond adequately without assessing the nature, scale, distribution and cost of the problem. Furthermore, no country has all the answers, so we need to share whatever is known about the best and most practical responses and solutions."

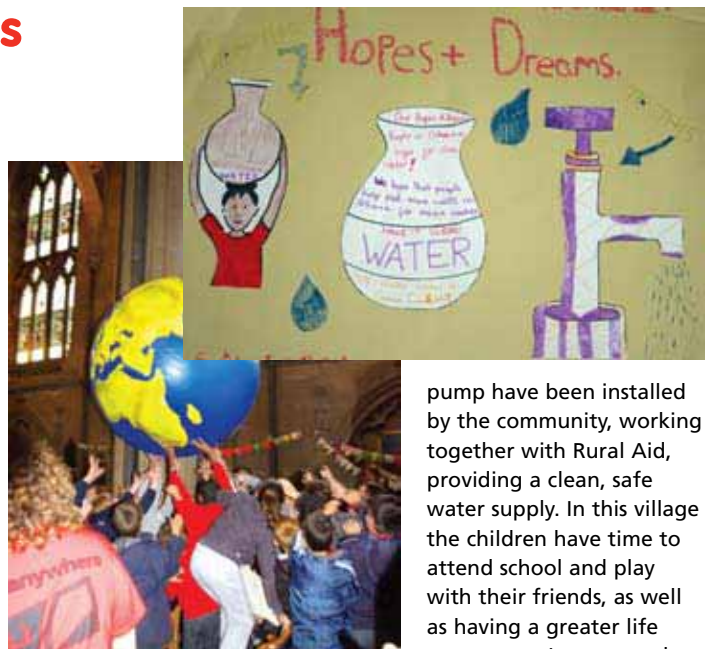
A thousand hopes and dreams

One thousand children shared their hopes and dreams as they approach the end of their primary education. On four days in June 2008, children from Year Six classes all over Bristol and the surrounding area attended Bristol Cathedral's 'Moving On' days.

The children took part in workshops in Art and Craft, Drama, Music and Geography/Environment and more than 12 students from UWE's School of Education offered support during the four day event. Jo Cannard and Amanda Davis-Jones (ITE) returned for the second year running to help pupils in the Environment workshops while Lauren Price, (Education Studies) and Paul Pope, (ITE) led workshops in Drama and Music respectively.

UWE was one of the key sponsors of the event which is run by Bristol Cathedral's Education Team, chaired by Alison Bailey (FET). Vron Lee (SSH) led the Drama workshop in which children had the chance to consider anxieties about moving on to their secondary schools and to act out their hopes for the future. They also considered their wildest dreams and worked in groups to plan a performance showing ways in which they could make their hopes and dreams come true.

Alison Bailey led the Geography/Environment workshop working in collaboration with Wessex Water's Education Officer. Children were encouraged to think about their hopes and dreams for Christina and her family who live in northern Ghana. Using a short Water Aid film, *Buckets of Water*, as a stimulus, they learned how Christina spends four hours a day walking to collect water for her family from a dirty pool. In another village, a well and water



pump have been installed by the community, working together with Rural Aid, providing a clean, safe water supply. In this village the children have time to attend school and play with their friends, as well as having a greater life expectancy. In groups, the children then collaborated

to produce posters showing their hopes and dreams for Christina, demonstrating a growing understanding of the opportunities which could follow from having access to safe, clean water.

Children working together to look after the world in the cathedral and a hopes and dreams poster

Hewlett Packard marks the first phase of UWE's Global Technology for Teaching grant

Gary Alden, HP's UK Marketing and Philanthropy Director, and Wayne Davies, HP's EMEA University Relations Manager, visited the University on 16 June to review the progress on the Teaching and Learning Award made in 2007, and to award a commemorative plaque. The University beat global competitors by winning valuable support from HP for technology integration into the classroom in the form of 21 tablet computers, peripherals and cash grant to the total value of US\$70,000.

Dr Liz Falconer, Manager of the E-Learning Development Unit at UWE, who put together the proposal to HP, said, "We were really delighted to win this award. Just 30 universities in Europe, the Middle East and Africa were invited to apply, and UWE was one of only 12 universities to succeed. The prize from HP has enabled us to begin developing a range of classroom uses of technology to support the redesign of the research methods curriculum in BIT. Our project website at <http://hptft.uwe.ac.uk> gives full details of the project so far. It is based

around the use of the Research Observatory, which can be viewed at <http://ro.uwe.ac.uk>."

From left to right Manuel Frutos-Perez, UWE, Steve Grive, UWE, Olivia Billingham, UWE, Deborah Street, UWE, Liz Falconer, UWE, Gary Alden, HP, John Rushforth, UWE, Rob Cuthbert, UWE, Wayne Davies, HP



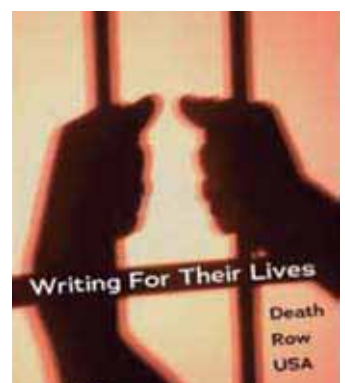
Prison writing event held in St Paul's

A contemporary double bill of prison writing was held at the Pierian Centre in St Paul's, Bristol, organised by Dr Marie Mulvey-Roberts (HLSS) with support from UWE's Human Rights Unit. Moazzam Begg, one of nine Britons detained at Guantanamo Bay, spoke about his experiences there and at the Badram airbase, and signed copies of his book, *Enemy Combatant*. The book gives an insider's account of the 'War on Terror' and its implications for civil liberties and inter-community relations.

Extracts from an anthology edited by Dr Marie Mulvey-Roberts, *Writing for their Lives: Death Row USA* were performed by

actor Samuel Griffiths and playwright/director Peter Cann, writer-in-residence at UWE. This collection describes the brutality and boredom of Death Row and tells of the survival of the human spirit under unimaginable circumstances.

Anthology edited by Dr Marie Mulvey-Roberts





Recruiting volunteers for Ghana

Rachel Gilbert (HSC) works as a Clinical Skills Demonstrator, teaching practical skills to nursing students. She also uses her skills to help the people of Ghana, which she has visited twice with Bristol-based charity Hands Around the World, to help build accommodation for orphaned or disabled children. The charity have sent three teams from Bristol so far, two to the Misthy Cee Development Centre in Akomadan, Ghana, and are now recruiting for another team to go there in February 2009.

The centre was named after local man Siaka Stevens - also known as Misthy Cee, after the two American families who supported his education - who has made his dream a reality. He set up a home, school and health centre for orphans and vulnerable children and has worked with Hands Around the World since 2006 to construct the buildings.

Rachel said, "I have worked on the building site, with local builders, carrying mortar, laying concrete blocks, fitting doors and windows. But this is more than practical help - the projects aim to develop friendships, and increase awareness of the issues, problems and strengths of people living very different lives to us. I lived with a local family and learned about their way of life."

While living conditions in Akomadan are basic, everyone who has visited has made great friends, had unforgettable experiences and looks back with pride at what they have achieved. Last November, a Hands Around the World team started work on classrooms at the new school. Next February, another team will go out to help complete those classrooms and construct a toilet block.

Hands around the World is looking for a wide range of enthusiastic, committed and adaptable people - young and mature, male and female, with and without building experience - to join the team going out in February 2009. For more information, contact Rachel Gilbert, Bristol Friends of HATW Co-ordinator, on 01454 887382 or rachel.gilbert@blueyonder.com



Children's home

New course in Law for Construction Professionals is launched

The School of the Built and Natural Environment in collaboration with Pinsent Masons LLP are launching a new Postgraduate Certificate which aims to give construction professionals the skills necessary to identify and address legal issues in construction projects.

Jim Mason, the Programme Leader says, "There is an increasing need for people with knowledge and skills in the law relating to construction projects law. Every building project operates within its constraints of time and money and understanding the legal framework underlying these arrangements is vital for a successful outcome. This course enables students to gain the specialist knowledge involved."

This new course is aimed at those who already have a degree in another subject and/or have experience as a professional working within the construction industry. The Postgraduate Certificate involves 60 credits of study and is offered as a one year part-time course. To complete the course, four modules are undertaken on day-release by those in full-time employment.

Details of the course can be found at: <http://courses.uwe.ac.uk/>. For further information please contact Jim Mason (Programme Leader) Jim.Mason@uwe.ac.uk.



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Pictured (L-R) Jim Mason (Programme Leader), Professor Martin Boddy (Executive Dean), Beth Rogers (Associate at Pinsent Masons LLP), Lawrence Davies (Partner at Pinsent Masons LLP)

HSC supports Commonwealth Professional Fellow

Dr Willie Ako of Papua New Guinea has been working with Dr Jane Fitzpatrick (HSC) in developing an empowerment approach to research with members of communities who originate from remote rural villages in Papua New Guinea. This research has had a profound impact on the health of the communities involved and has extended into malaria prevention initiatives in the Southern Highlands and Pomio areas of Papua New Guinea. Dr Ako works towards supporting political cohesion in tandem with building social capital at the grass roots level. In recognition of his commitment to supporting strategic developments in Papua New Guinea Dr Ako has been awarded a prestigious Commonwealth Professional Fellowship.

As part of his three month programme Dr Ako will work with colleagues in HSC to explore how ICT developments can be harnessed to initiate and extend social networks in resourcing health and education impact initiatives in Papua New Guinea and similar developing world contexts. His programme, which enables him to extend his portfolio of professional skills, is being co-ordinated by Professor Michael Crossley, Chair of Comparative and International Education at the University of Bristol.

Dr Ako with tribesmen and village elders



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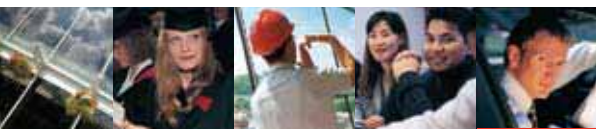
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UWE trains students to use new patient records software

From September, UWE will implement an educational version of the patient record software being introduced in the NHS, called Cerner Academic Education Software.

As the NHS moves toward the use of electronic health records for all patients, the new project means nursing and other health sciences students at UWE have the opportunity to use similar software to that being introduced in hospitals.

UWE is working with Cerner to adapt the system and make it appropriate for UK health professional practice and curriculum. The NHS will use software from Cerner, a major global health care information technology company, to provide the electronic health records in a large number of its hospitals.

The Cerner software is the only full clinical information system adapted to support health care curricula and classroom instruction.

Professor John Duffield (HLS) said, "This partnership is a great opportunity to keep nursing education at UWE at the forefront of current health care practice, ensuring that our students are fully prepared for the environments in which they are going to be caring for patients and clients."



FE volunteers: beauty therapy project

A group of parents and carers of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder, who meet together to share experiences and get support with help from the National Autistic Society, were treated to a new experience in June. Eight volunteers from the City of Bristol College offered beauty therapy services to the group members, treating them to manicures, facials, eye-brow shaping, and massages.

The project was the result of a competition to come up with an exciting new volunteering project and was designed to give FE students a chance to practise their skills whilst also helping people in the community. The £200 prize money from the 'Think Outside the Box' competition organised by Volunteering England enabled the students to carry out various beauty treatments and give all the carers beauty product gift packs to take home with them.

Stephen Dale, Project Co-ordinator from the UWE Community Volunteer Programme, came up with the project idea during the Student Volunteering Conference 2008. 'Students in Further Education colleges have so many skills which can be used to benefit the community. This project is a great example of how students can develop their skills in a real-life situation, whilst making a difference to people for whom life is sometimes pretty tough. Volunteer projects like this are well established in universities, but less common within Further Education. It's time to think about how we can change that.'

Leila Cree is a lecturer at the City of Bristol College Green Centre: "This kind of activity gets the students out into a realistic working environment and improves their communication and therapy skills. They also undertake work experience in a salon, and there is a salon at college where clients come in for treatments. They also do enrichment weeks at local secondary schools. All these activities are usually completed in their college time, so the idea of 'volunteering' is new for them. These students will soon qualify as Beauty Therapists after studying for two years to gain their NVQ level 3."



Amber McCarthy, Project Assistant from the Community Volunteer Programme, put the project into action. The photos from the event (taken by Amber McCarthy) won second prize in the Volunteering England (VE) Photographic competition. The project will also be featured as a case study in the new VE FE publication being sent to every FE college in the UK.

FE College student Amber Walters carries out a manicure on National Autistic Society group member

Lorna Siviter, an MA student in Printmaking (CA) has recently been announced as a runner up in the British Ceramic Tile Design Competition. The competition was open to undergraduate and postgraduate students throughout the UK. The finalists' designs were on show at the Tile and Stone Show 2008 in London in June. The winning designs were judged by an independent panel.
www.thetileandstoneshow.co.uk



Business full of eastern promise

UWE co-hosted an event with UK Trade and Investment on 5 June for local companies wishing to do business in the growing markets of Singapore and Malaysia. UWE's contribution was made through the Regional Language Network South-West, whose West of England Hub Director is Dr Peter Gold (LLAS).

Peter explained: "The UKTI is organising a market visit to Singapore and Malaysia in October, and this event provided an opportunity for those companies signed up for the visit to gain a deeper insight into the region, as well as providing an opportunity for UKTI to get more businesses signed up.

"Although it proved to be quite a challenge, we managed to find someone locally who could teach the delegates a bit of the Malay language (Bahasa) and we also laid on visiting speakers who could provide important briefings on the business culture of the region as well as highlight its business potential."

The main speakers at the event were Trevor Lewis (Director of Trade and Investment at the British High Commission in Malaysia), Stephen Evans (High Growth Market Specialist, UKTI), Nick Peace

(International Trade Adviser specialising in aerospace, UKTI), Andrew Fraser (Senior International Trade Adviser, UKTI) and Peter Crowle (Director of Glintek Services Ltd).

Pictured from left to right, back row; Peter Crowle, Stephen Evans, Andrew Fraser, Dr Peter Gold; (front row) Trevor Lewis, Susan Roe, Ben Eu



Machine Vision Laboratory wins MRC funding to study skull abnormalities

Researchers at UWE's Machine Vision Laboratory have won a prestigious Medical Research Council (MRC) award to research skull abnormalities in children. The project, a collaboration with North Bristol NHS Trust and the London Orthotic Consultancy, will use innovative 3D imaging techniques to accurately measure the faces and heads of children and look for links between abnormality in head shape and subtle signatures present in facial features.

A principal focus will be a type of cranial disorder called positional plagiocephaly, where the two sides of the skull develop inconsistently, so that the shape of the head has an asymmetric, flattened or other abnormal shape. The number of babies diagnosed with plagiocephaly has risen sharply from 1 in 300 to about 1 in 60. Early identification and intervention can significantly improve the treatment of the condition.

Professor Melvyn Smith said "We are particularly pleased to win this MRC funding and I hope our work may eventually help to result in better diagnosis and treatment of plagiocephaly, a condition that my own son suffered from.

"This technique would be quicker and easier than other measurement techniques, less traumatic for the baby and less sensitive to baby movements. Developing a practical method for assessing 3D face shape and symmetry could have wider applications, for example in assessing stroke patients or evaluating the surgical outcomes of various facial reconstructive procedures, including cleft palate."

Dr Lyndon Smith, a Reader in the Vision Laboratory, said: "We want to find out whether it is possible to clearly differentiate between differing medical conditions, such as positional plagiocephaly, ocular plagiocephaly, and torticollis using easily accessible 3D face measurements."

Head of the Department of Design and Engineering Dr John Lanham said: "This project aims to build upon the developing body of work in 3D face data capture and analysis already underway at UWE as part of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council PhotoFace project."

Deputy Vice-Chancellor John Rushforth said "We are delighted to receive such a high profile award. It will enable us to continue to carry out world-class research that could change lives, leading to better understanding, diagnosis and treatment of an important area of child health. This is the first time

the Bristol Institute of Technology has received funding from the Medical Research Council, and strongly reinforces UWE's reputation as a leading new university carrying out research."



Example of baby's head with Plagiocephaly

Caribbean economic development in focus

The launch of a special issue of *The Round Table*, edited by Dr Peter Clegg (HLSS) and Dr Densil Williams from the University of the West Indies took place in Kingston, Jamaica on 12 June. The issue entitled 'Competitiveness and Caribbean Economies: Emerging Issues and Future Directions' (Issue 396, June 2008), features a range of Caribbean and British scholars considering how best the Commonwealth Caribbean can improve its economic performance at a time when the region is facing increasing challenges as a consequence of globalisation. The launch itself was hosted by the Department of Management Studies and the Office of the Principal at UWI, and featured a keynote address by Ambassador Richard Bernal, head of the Caribbean's trade negotiating body. In his address Ambassador Bernal called for the region to show greater dynamism and new thinking in plotting future competitiveness policy. This was followed by a round table panel of distinguished experts who offered a number of suggestions on how the region can improve its competitiveness position in the world.

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Coaching skills for careers advisors may help students

UWE Careers advisers Linda Moysey and Sandra Parry have recently completed a Diploma in Management Coaching and Mentoring with the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM). Coaching is becoming more widespread and the professional body AGCAS has recently set up a discussion group around coaching as an approach. Universities offering coaching are still in the minority and it is a new way of working with students.

Linda Moysey said, "I want to use coaching to help students who need additional support beyond the standard service we offer. I plan to pilot offering coaching to HLSS students who do not have a clear idea about their career direction."

Sandra Parry said, "I am really interested in coaching as a way of working with students that need a different approach to our existing service. I have found it has really impacted on my practice in my current role in terms of using some coaching techniques and I hope to develop coaching further within my work at UWE."

UWE Careers adviser Jayne Saul-Paterson completed a similar Diploma in Coaching in 2000 with The Coaching Academy, which

is the largest UK school for training coaches and has trained over 15,000 people in the last eight years.

Saul-Paterson said "After completing the qualification and before beginning my work at UWE, I ran my own life coaching practice and worked as a coach on a number of career development programmes in the Civil Service. My background in coaching is useful in supporting the work I do with students on the Employability and Diversity project. Coaching has given me a set of tools and techniques to work with a diverse range of clients to establish their priorities."



Jane James, programme manager of the ILM programme and Director of Bath Coaching and Mentoring, said, "We are convinced that our approach to learning about coaching and mentoring has impact not only for participants on the programme but also for the people they work with. We are looking to recruit for a new programme starting in September. The programme will suit people who are interested in accrediting their coaching and mentoring experience."

Pictured from left to right are; Jayne Saul Paterson, Sandra Parry and Linda Mosley

Turn tears into cheers – become a Reading Buddy

Shield Road Primary School children have written a letter and sent 'Wanted' posters to the Community Volunteer Programme asking UWE staff to 'come and read with us' in an attempt to recruit volunteers to help them develop their reading skills. Head teacher Nick Moss explains, "We share many of the same challenges as nearby Bristol schools but our funding (because we are a South Gloucestershire school) is significantly lower. We therefore do everything we can to seek support elsewhere in the immediate community." He added that the UWE Reading Buddies programme seems perfectly tailored to their needs.

The Community Volunteer Programme has been successfully running the Reading Buddies scheme for the past 18 months. During this time 45 staff from a wide variety of different faculties and services have volunteered in three local primary schools. The staff volunteers use their lunch break to visit local schools to help children with their literacy. Reading Buddies is a national scheme which encourages links between local businesses and local schools. The Community Volunteer Programme (CVP) is working in partnership with local educational charity ABLAZE.

Feedback from schools participating in the scheme suggests that the benefits to the children include an increase in their confidence and enthusiasm and an improvement in their reading ability. There are benefits for the volunteers too! Here are some comments from UWE staff who have been involved in the scheme.

"I think my general well being is enhanced by knowing that I'm helping someone else." Sally, Academic Services Officer

"My experience has been excellent. I feel proud that I am helping the local community." Andy, Lithograph Team Leader

"It has been a wonderful experience to feel as though I have contributed in a small way to a child's development." Jill, Faculty Librarian

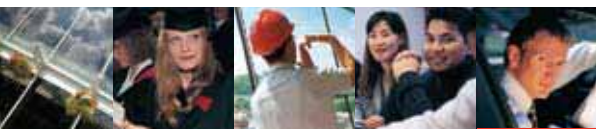
"I really wanted to be able to do something rather than just the usual routine of work, home, work!...I ALWAYS enjoy the change." Fiona, Research Manager

Jenny Wade, who co-ordinates the scheme for CVP, says "We plan to recruit and train staff over the summer so that they are ready to begin volunteering by early October 2008. We hope we can respond positively to the children's pleas and provide the extra reading support they need and also to build on the relationship the school already has with UWE."

CVP are also recruiting Reading Buddies for Filton Avenue, Hillfields and Lockleaze schools. For more information please visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/volunteer/staffvolunteering/readingbuddies, or e-mail cvp@uwe.ac.uk

Shield Road Primary School pupils looking happy because they have a reading buddy and the pupils without a buddy looking glum





NEWS

Flying high: UWE boosts lean production and international marketing of Flexifoil kites

Prizewinning kitesports company Flexifoil has just signed a new partnership with UWE Bristol to improve its gravity-defying business.

Under the Knowledge Transfer Partnership, the company, which sponsors the world's best freestyle kitesurfer Aaron Hadlow, will draw on knowledge from Dr Paul Head, lean supply chain expert (BIT) and Dr Peter Nuttall, international marketing expert (BBS). Two graduates will be employed to introduce the latest techniques in lean production and international marketing.

The £220,000 deal was brokered by Stephen Batty (RBI). The main objectives are to introduce 'in-time' production, reducing lead-times and costs by producing kites and other equipment to order, improve sourcing, and move the company into new international markets.

Project leader Judith Jordan (BBS) said, "This partnership aims to make the company become more competitive in the international arena and will give the University valuable experience of addressing real-world challenges."

Managing director Roy Carter said, "We are a fast-moving company and were particularly pleased that the deal was agreed just ten weeks after the first meeting with UWE. Kiting is one of the fastest growing sports in the world today, whether people are looking for recreational fun or serious adrenalin highs."

This partnership received financial support from the Knowledge Transfer Partnerships programme (KTP). KTP aims to help businesses to improve their competitiveness and productivity through better use of knowledge, technology and skills that reside within the UK Knowledge Base. KTP is funded by the Technology Strategy Board along with other government funding organisations.



World champion freestyle rider Aaron Hadlow putting a HadlowPro kite through its paces

(Photo credit Kolesky/ SanDisk)

UWE helps create Centre of Excellence in Croatia

The University of the West of England is working with the Polytechnic and Technical School of Karlovac to set up a Centre of Excellence in Mechatronics (Mechanical and Electronics Engineering) in a manufacturing region of Croatia. The project will support regional learning and innovation in education and training, and better equip the local manufacturing industry to respond to the changing needs of the Croatian and global economy. UWE has been awarded €435,000 (£342,000) by the European Union to help set up the Centre which will be hosted by the Polytechnic of Karlovac and the Technical School and is supported by the regional stakeholders including the relevant ministries and regional promotion organisations.

Professor Darko Vyroubal, Vice Dean of the Faculty within the Polytechnic of Karlovac said, "The establishment of such a Centre is what is desperately needed to introduce modern blended learning and business initiative to local industry which is losing pace with modern technology".

Staff from the Polytechnic and the Technical School travelled to Bristol recently for a study tour hosted by UWE's Bristol Institute of Technology (BIT) including industrial visits to Rolls Royce, Renishaw, Seetru, Rotork; visits to laboratories within the Institute and the Bristol Robotics Laboratory.

The Project Director is John Lanham (BIT) and the UWE team leader is Farid Dailami, Farid said, "UWE is advising on course content, curricula and delivery methods as well as staffing and resourcing. We are determining regional industry needs and helping the Centre set up appropriate structures to respond to external demands. The UWE team is developing a range of innovative mechanisms for Knowledge Exchange, to enable equipment, facilities and expertise from the Centre of Excellence to be accessed by local industrial clients".

To understand and meet the skills and training needs of local industrial partners, the team will establish External Advisory Boards, comprising representatives of the region's stakeholders, typically senior members from industry, Chamber of Commerce and educators from the Centre of Excellence. UWE is also talking with regional stakeholders in Croatia and the SW UK about supporting region – region business links.

The project is supported financially by the European Union. For further information please contact Tracey John ext 83860 or Richard Baldwin ext 81089.

Alison Greenslade, Tracey John, Richard Baldwin, John Lanham, Farid Dailami, Peter Hersey, Vladimir Veselic, Milan Bijelic, Ivan Pocega, Marjan Anic, Mirko Juric, Dragan Grgic, Davorka Vouk, Mile Lulic, Ana Fuduric



theBizidea winners celebrate success

A host of bright enterprise ideas were celebrated at this year's prizegiving final of *theBizidea* competition. Winner of the Best Business Idea prize was Carolyn Newton with her idea for foldable eco-friendly shopping bags, called Whalebags. Carolyn said, "I can't wait for the next step in my business. Supermarket chains have already shown interest so the prize money and business mentoring will help Whalebags reach a wider market."

Other winning ideas included Caroline Sargeant's Bristol Community Festival promoting music, art and culture in the South West, which was judged Best Social Enterprise Idea and Andrew Harrison of Bomb Production's free DVD magazine for Bristol which won the Best Creative Design Idea award.

Runners-up were a private investigation agency by Roxanne Magee (runner-up, Best Business Idea), Daniel Morgan's incentive scheme for students who volunteer (runner-up, Best Social Enterprise Idea) and Rachel Horrocks' design company, Basic Baroque (runner-up, Best Creative Design Idea).

The competition is run by UWE's Research, Business and Innovation group (RBI) and entrants had stiff competition with the prospect of glittering prizes. The three top prizes each offered a cash award of £5,000 and a year's rent-free space in UWE's city centre business incubator. There was a special Chartered Institute

of Marketing award for the entry with the best marketing element, which went to Lauren Tobia of Stretch Illustration.

Three Merit Awards for outstanding entrants who impressed the judges with their enthusiasm and drive were awarded to Michael Bull of Open Faculty in the Social Enterprise Idea category; Keith Probert of Viimi in the Business Idea category and Lauren Tobia of Stretch Illustration in the Creative Design Idea category.

From left to right; Winners of Best Creative Design Idea Oliver Prince, Andrew Harrison and Daniel Higginson



Great Western Air Ambulance takes off



HSC Professor of Emergency Care, Jonathan Benger, has realised his goal of setting up an air ambulance for the region. The launch of the Great Western Air Ambulance was extensively

covered in the media and has already proved its worth providing emergency care for patients with life-threatening conditions. Jonathan's idea for an improved pre-hospital critical care service received a big boost when it won the first Social Enterprise prize awarded in the 2005 theBizIdea competition.

He said, "The initial funding I received from UWE's business plan competition proved invaluable in setting up the new service. During 2007 the Great Western Ambulance Service Air Support Unit was set up and merged with the ARIES project that won the competition. A proof-of-concept award arranged through Research, Business and Innovation provided

essential resources for further business planning and to gather fundraising information.

"A team of doctors has been trained to deliver pre-hospital care, and a new group of critical care paramedics have been trained in association with the School of Health and Social Care at UWE. These can deliver emergency care by bringing the hospital to the patient, using a fleet of fast response cars and a dedicated EC 135 helicopter with life-saving equipment based at Filton Airport, Bristol."

Jonathan is part-time medical adviser to the new Great Western Ambulance Air Operations and Critical Care Service, while continuing to direct the emergency care research programme at UWE and work in the emergency departments of the Bristol Royal Infirmary and the Bristol Children's Hospital.

The new air ambulance meets an identified gap in air ambulance cover for the people of Avon and complements the Wiltshire and Gloucestershire air ambulance when they need additional support. It is a charity and relies on donations to keep flying – for more information visit <http://www.greatwesternairambulance.com/>

Dr Jonathan Benger with air ambulance (above)

CRISP comes to PASS

From 1 August the University will be using a new project approval system. PASS (Proposal Approval Support System) will replace CRISP (CRIGS Information Systems Project) in supporting the Project Approval process. This is the process whereby proposals for external funding are developed, assessed and signed off by the appropriate authority within the University.

The new system, which has been developed by RBI in collaboration with faculties and other professional services, seeks to enable staff to identify key issues as they develop proposals, and to provide guidance and contacts for further support. Dr Amanda Longley (Deputy Head of R&D, RBI) said, "The new system is designed to provide constructive assistance as well as helping the University to identify any key risks associated with proposals that may need specialist advice. The system has also been designed to be more effective for different sorts of project proposal, whether they be for research, consultancy, CPD or teaching and learning. We hope that staff responsible for developing proposals will find it more helpful and user friendly." Briefing sessions for those likely to be using the new system are being held throughout July and August. For more information contact Caroline.Nash@uwe.ac.uk.



Researcher career development in the spotlight

The career development of researchers came under the spotlight at the most recent UWE Researchers' Forum. In the keynote address, Dr Sara Williams, Chair of the UK Higher Education Researcher Development group (UKHERD), presented a national perspective on recent policy developments, including the recent publication of a revised *Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers*.

The *Concordat*, agreed by the main UK research funding bodies and the employers of researchers including universities, provides a single, unambiguous statement of the expectations and responsibilities of institutions with respect to the management of researchers. It provides details of effective practice for the support and management of research staff and a single reference point for institutions seeking to meet the expectations of a number of different funders within the UK as well as the European Commission. By adopting and implementing the principles of the *Concordat*, universities would expect to fulfil the expectations of funders.

Publication coincides with the launch of *Vitae*, a new organisation dedicated to realising the potential of researchers in the UK. Incorporating both the UKGRAD programme (for research student development) and UKHERD, and funded by the Research Councils, *Vitae* will support the personal, professional and career management of researchers in the UK, and will play a major role in the implementation of the principles of the *Concordat*.

Professor Robin Means, chair of the UWE Researchers' Forum and Associate Dean (HLS) said, "UWE very much welcomes the new *Concordat* and the launch of *Vitae*. Although there is much to do to ensure that research staff have access to a full range of career development opportunities, UWE is well placed to meet the expectations of the *Concordat*. We look forward to working with *Vitae* as closely as we have with UKGRAD in recent years in developing our support for research staff and students".

The UWE Researchers' Forum is supported jointly by RBI and Human Resources. For further information, including a copy of the *Concordat*, contact (RBI) Paul.Spencer@uwe.ac.uk or (HR) Pam.Fitzsimmons@uwe.ac.uk.

Research ethics training

Understanding and responding to ethical issues in research is becoming increasingly important, as is the role of Research Ethics committees in assessing ethical issues in project proposals. At UWE, representatives of the newly established Faculty Research Ethics Sub-Committees recently attended a training workshop on research ethics organised by RBI at St Matthias Campus.

The training was facilitated by Professor Stephen Wilkinson and Dr Allison Ross of Keele University's Centre for Professional Ethics, the largest and most successful provider of postgraduate ethics courses in Europe. Focusing on research ethics in a higher education context, the workshop considered issues such as informed consent, working within specific research ethics frameworks, and protecting the reputation of the institution.

Professor Robin Means, Chair of the University Research Ethics Committee commented, "The day also offered participants a valuable opportunity to share practices and experiences and to address common concerns across faculties, while recognising the diversity of research activity in different academic disciplines."

Dr Amanda Longley, Secretary of the University Research Ethics Committee (RBI) said, "Ethical review is not about deciding what is morally right and wrong but about having sufficient knowledge and experience to identify ethical issues so that they can be properly considered and guidance given. This sort of training is vital in promoting greater awareness and understanding of ethical issues in research at UWE".



Staff in RBI are currently up-dating the University's research ethics web pages and will be launching the revised pages over the summer.

(L to R) Professor Stephen Wilkinson (Keele University), Professor Robin Means (Chair of University Research Ethics Committee, UWE), Dr Allison Ross (Keele University)

HE Advisers conference 2008

Over 80 delegates including Careers Advisers, representatives from HEIs, teachers and tutors from across the region were joined by postgraduate careers guidance students and staff from UWE for the HE Advisers conference 2008. This year's theme was 'What is the future of Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)?'. Ron Ritchie (EDU) welcomed delegates and speakers and John Thompson (Head of IAG at the Department for Schools, Children and Families) detailed current Government policy and the importance of IAG in the Every Child Matters agenda and Children's Plan. John reiterated the Government's commitment to universal face-to-face access to IAG and emphasised the key role of IAG in light of the introduction of Diplomas.

Alison Williams (Chief Executive, Director of Children's Services and Guidance for Prospects Services Limited) described Prospect's role in the provision of IAG and talked about their future plans to redefine the provision of services for young people and ensure that current services are still relevant. Mike Griffiths (Executive Manager of Connexions West of England) covered issues such as inadequate funding of IAG, the need for better scrutiny and inspection of existing services whilst retaining the vision of a joined up approach to careers advice for all ages.

Kate White (Senior Student Adviser, UWE) described the new funding arrangements for students in England, how these changes could affect applicants from different backgrounds, and how to ensure the right advice and guidance about student finance is given. Mary Dempsey (Programme Leader, Postgraduate Diploma in Careers Guidance) chaired the final lively debate in which the delegates challenged the speakers who were joined by Maggie Westgarth (UWE's Careers Service).

View and download a copy of the presentations at www.uwe.ac.uk/schoolsandcolleges/ For further information about the conference or to register interest in similar events please e-mail partnershipsair@uwe.ac.uk

Budding sports stars celebrate successful year with UWE

Thirty year six children from the Bristol region who showed great sporting potential rounded off a year of specialist training and coaching at UWE's Centre for Sport with a visit and masterclass from Olympic athlete Jason Gardener MBE. The initiative was launched by the University last September in association with the Bristol School Sports Partnership of Ashton Park, Portway School and the City Academy. The children have attended a series of workshops throughout the year with the Centre for Sport's strength and conditioning team and specialist sports coaches.

The project started with a series of rigorous fitness tests to measure speed, acceleration, balance, co-ordination and strength for Year Five primary school children in Bristol. 250 children from these tests went to Ashton Park School, Portway School and the City Academy for a two day selection camp where they were put through further assessment. 30 of the talented children were invited to attend the workshops at UWE.

Alex Isaac, UWE's Sports Development Manager, said, "The programme has been very successful, with children attending seminars in topics such as nutrition, hydration and injury prevention. The Centre for Sport's Strength and Conditioning team have delivered 10 sessions covering a wide range of physical conditioning and a number of guest coaches have

come in to deliver sport specific coaching sessions. The children's performances have been recorded and, funding dependent, they'll return next year so we can monitor and evaluate their development and hopefully enable them to fulfil their potential."

At the final session on 4 July, Olympic sprinter, Jason Gardener MBE came along to share his expertise and to inspire and encourage the young people in pursuing their sporting goals.

Jason Gardener MBE with the school children at the final workshop



Taking control of information

Records management has been in the news recently with reports of sensitive documents left on trains by government officials and a minister's laptop stolen. In some ways, the number of data breaches is unsurprising. The volume of electronic data has increased dramatically, with more being produced in 2007 than in the whole of human history. Many organisations have reviewed their policies, taken stock of existing records and implemented systems to control electronic information, to ensure they are meeting legislative and regulatory requirements.

UWE decided following a feasibility study that an electronic document and records management (EDRM) system was a strategic priority and introduced a Records Management Programme this year. The first phase was to appoint a records manager to improve records management with leads in faculties and services in preparation for an EDRM system. Since her appointment as Records Manager in January this year, Pam Pearce has been developing the Programme.

The first priority is a Records Management policy. Work will then start on an information audit identifying core information and record types held across the University, including paper, electronic records and microfiche and databases. Leads will meet regularly at a Records Management Forum to prepare for the Information Audit and share best practice.

Pam says, "Records management is about controlling records efficiently and systematically whatever their format, from when they are created, through current and semi-current use, to destruction or permanent archiving. Key benefits of a records management programme are:

- reducing costs;

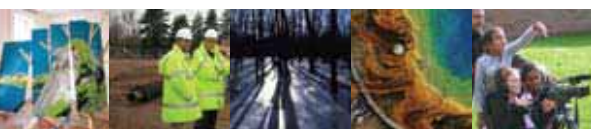
- streamlining business processes;
- improving efficiency.

"Reducing time spent looking for information can release staff time for other priorities. Storage and server costs can be reduced by destroying records which are being kept longer than necessary and duplicated across the system. Records management supports innovation, change and risk management, and business continuity planning."

There are two main workstreams, Records Management and EDRM, with the records management work being a necessary prerequisite to successful EDRM implementation. There will be training programmes as part of both workstreams which will report to an Executive and to a Programme Board.

For more information contact Pam.Pearce@uwe.ac.uk tel: 82514.





Staff in the media

Centre for Appearance Research staff, including Professor Nichola Rumsey, contributed to the ITV series, *The Great British Body*, broadcast in June and presented by ITV's style experts Trinny and Susannah. UWE staff helped to design some of the 'experiments' used in the programme such as one aimed at identifying what cues we use in first impressions. Nichola Rumsey was also interviewed for her expertise in appearance research.

Vanda Fenn (HSC) was interviewed on the *You and Yours* programme on BBC Radio 4 on 12 June about the national decrease in physiotherapy applications, attributed to UCAS reducing programme choice, and adverse publicity about job prospects. Vanda's message was that job availability in physiotherapy is gradually improving, so applicants should not be deterred.

Professor Glenn Lyons (BNE) was interviewed about his research into travel time use for 'Hitting the Buffers' broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on Monday 26 June. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/science/hittingthebuffers.shtml>

Dr Debra Salmon (HLS) was interviewed about her work evaluating sexual health clinics in secondary schools by BBC Radio One Newsbeat, Star Radio, South West Media, Kiss Radio, BBC Radio Northampton and Children and Young People Now. Her research was also covered in the Education Guardian, the Telegraph, the Daily

Mail, GWR, SkyNews, the Nursing Standard, Western Daily Press and Bristol Evening Post.

Stella Warren (Research Assistant, BBS) took part in the BBC Radio 2 Jonathon Ross phone in on Saturday 5 July. She managed to mention the University of the West of England, and the 'cool professors' as well as giving a good plug to Bristol as a happy place to live! Stella won a variety of CDs and DVDs and promotional goodies.

Dr Stuart Shales (LS) was interviewed by BBC Radio Bristol Breakfast programme on 19 June about producing biodiesel on a large scale.

Publications

Dr Nikki Coghill (HSC) recently published 'The Effect of a Home-Based Walking Program on Risk Factors for Coronary Heart Disease in Hypercholesterolaemic Men, A Randomized Controlled Trial', co-authored by Dr Ashley R Cooper from the University of Bristol, in Preventive Medicine, 2008, Vol 46, No 6. This paper highlights the role of regular walking in improving the cholesterol profile in men with a high cholesterol level.

Dr Noelle Quenivet (Law) published a contribution entitled 'The role of the International Criminal Court in the prosecution of sexual offences committed by peacekeepers', in Roberta Arnold (ed.), *Law Enforcement within the Framework of PSO*, Leiden/Boston/London, Brill, 2008, at 399-431. She also published in

collaboration with Shilan Shah-Davis (SSH - Law) a contribution on 'Girl soldiers' and armed conflict in Africa,' in Maria S Becker and Julia N Schneider (eds), *Human Rights Issues in the 21st Century*, New York, Nova Science Publishers, 2008, at 103-132.

Mairi Maclean, Professor of International Business at BBS has jointly edited *France on the World Stage - Nation State Strategies in the Global Era*. Her collaborating editor is Joseph Szarka, Reader in European Studies in the Department of European Studies at the University of Bath. The book is published by Palgrave Macmillan.

Henry Shaftoe (BNE) has published *Convivial Urban Spaces* on the design of successful urban public spaces - an essential part of a sustainable built environment. The book takes a multidisciplinary approach, and draws on research and the literature and theory of environmental psychology and urban design to advance our understanding of what makes public spaces effective. The publisher is Earthscan.

Appointments

Michèle Wheeler (Academic Registry) has been elected to represent the Regional Co-ordinators on the Association of University Administrators' (AUA) Council, which has recently been introduced as the result of a Governance Review of the AUA. The Council will comprise representation from across the

Midwives attend international conference

At the International Confederation of Midwives Triennial conference in Glasgow in June, staff from HLSS demonstrated the quality and diversity of research and teaching in midwifery at UWE.

Kathleen Baird and Kirsten Baker presented, 'Do Dramatic Interventions Change Behaviour?: Exploring Theatre as a Tool to Improve Maternity Care for Women Experiencing Domestic Abuse.' This work was linked to Kathleen's award winning teaching interventions and research in educating midwives about asking questions about domestic abuse.

Kirsten's interactive workshop, 'Peeling Onions: Using Drama to Access Emotions in Maternity Care', involved midwives from several countries who expressed their frustrations in a dramatic format and shared common experiences. This work relates to emotion work research and a chapter in an edited book due to be published soon.

Jenny Hall and Mary Mitchell presented a creative workshop based on their teaching and research, called, 'Exploring Issues Relating to Spirituality and Birth'. Mary also presented a session with Julie Williams on their study, 'The Role of Complementary Therapies in Supporting Normal Birth: The Views of Midwife-Complementary Therapists'. Finally, Julie

Hobbs presented: 'Neophyte (Newly Qualified) Midwives Transition to Qualified Role' based on her current PhD research.

Pictured from left to right; Julie Williams, Kathleen Baird, Julie Hobbs and Mary Mitchell at the Scottish celebration evening



membership of the Association and key external stakeholders, to inform the Board's strategic decisions. Michèle is the Regional Co-ordinator for the South West Region.

Conferences

The BME Way Forward Conference at UWE (20 June) organised by Dr Marie-Annick Gournet (SSH and Outreach Centre) was a huge success. Over 113 delegates attended the event which celebrated an Aimhigher-funded work shadowing project for over 60 young people in UWE partner schools in Bristol, Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and Swindon. UWE Governor Sherrie Eugene chaired the event, and keynote speaker Professor Gus John gave an inspiring presentation which provoked lively discussion. Tim Pemberton (Managing Editor, BBC Radio Bristol) gave an excellent presentation to the young people. The work placement presentations and contributions of the young people themselves were impressive. The undergraduates (BME Schoolink tutors) who supported the conference were excellent ambassadors for the University.

Richard Bond (RBI) was selected recently to make a presentation to the 2nd INORMS (International Network of Research Management Societies) Congress in Liverpool. His joint presentation with Dr Jo Cresswell (University of Manchester), was entitled 'The Researcher as Research Manager – a Hybrid Professional?' and explored the role that experienced researchers play in supporting research. Using the R&D team in RBI as a case study, the presentation questioned whether this trend constituted the emergence of a new hybrid professional or someone caught between two stools, being neither professional administrator nor academic. The experience at Manchester University, presented by Dr Cresswell, underlined the benefits of research managers in enhancing the quality of research and especially of research proposals. The INORMS Congress coincided with the 18th Annual Conference of the Association of Research Managers and Administrators (ARMA). For more information on INORMS and ARMA, please contact Richard Bond in RBI (richard.bond@uwe.ac.uk)

Julie Mytton (HSC) presented a paper at Europaediatrics 2008 in Istanbul on 16 June, entitled 'Childhood Injury in Europe'. The conference was attended by paediatricians from across the World Health Organisation European Region. The paper highlighted the inequalities in child injury occurrence across the region and the potential role of the paediatrician in working collaboratively to reduce these inequalities and the associated inequity.

Charles Butler, children's author and Senior Lecturer in English, (SSH) visited Tavistock College on 26 June to act as Special Guest for their Carnegie Medal Shadowing event which

was held in conjunction with seven other Devon schools. As well as talking to the students and signing books, Charles presented a prize for the best presentation, and revealed the winner of the real Carnegie Medal (the UK's premier prize for children's books), which was announced earlier that day.

Dr Stephen Hunt (Department of Sociology and Criminology, HLSS) gave two papers at the Australian Association for the Study of Religion Annual Conference, in New Zealand in July. The first, '*The Right Not to Be Offended: The Secularized Discourse of the Anti-Gay Christian Movements*', and the second was entitled, '*The Emerging Church: Characteristics and Typology*'. Dr Hunt's paper 'Religion and the Life Course: Some Future Considerations' was presented *in absentia* at the annual meeting in Boston in June of the American Association for the Sociology of Religion. Dr Hunt's book, *Religion in Everyday Life* (Routledge 2005) was recently voted by American Universities as one of the top ten books in the world on religion and society. Dr Hunt also attended the Sociology and Law conference in May organised by South-West University, Neofit Rilski, Bulgaria, where he is an academic consultant for the Centre for the Study of New Religious Movements. The conference celebrated the 150th anniversary of the birth of Emile Durkheim. Dr Hunt's paper was entitled 'Durkheimian Approaches to Implicit and Quasi Religiosity – Some Implications for an Analysis of World-Affirming New Religious Movements'. He has been invited, along with Eileen Barker (LSE) and John Rex (Warwick), to edit a selection of the conference papers for a published volume (Cambridge Scholars).

Dr Stephen Hunt and Dave Green (HLSS) have organised a one-day conference on behalf of the British Sociological Association Study of Religion Group for November, 2008, to be held at St Matthias Campus. The theme of the conference will be sexual diversity, religion and spirituality. The conference papers will be published in 2009 as a volume edited by Dr Hunt and Dr Green for Ashgate publisher entitled 'Contemporary Christianity and LGBT Sexualities'.

Sarah Bodman (Research Fellow, CA) was a key speaker at *Booksthatfly* Book Art Conference and Book Art Competition held at University of Brighton, in conjunction with the Edward Johnston Foundation on 5 July. Sarah is a leading expert on artists' books that challenge the notion of what a book is expected to be. The conference examined the ways in which book artists through the ages have spread their creative wings.

Professor David James (EDU) recently gave three invited keynote conference speeches. The first was at the University of Bristol Doctoral Students' Conference was entitled *Talking and eloquence are not the same: Learning to sing*

in an academic field. This drew on David's experiences as both academic and musician. Following this he spoke at two 'Research in FE' conferences - one in Edinburgh and one in Bristol. These were both entitled *Research in FE: Funny business or core business?* and they drew on recent ESRC-funded projects to develop the argument that some forms of research are necessary for the professional health of the FE sector.

Professor David James (EDU) has accepted an invitation to speak at the International School Choice Seminar in Barcelona in September organised by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and the Fundació Jaume Bofill, Catalonia's leading non-governmental organisation for social sciences. The seminar is for key policy makers and researchers. David's talk will focus on choice and social class, and will draw upon the ESRC project he recently co-directed. He will share the platform with three other academics from Oxford, Stanford and Lovaine. Following the conference, his paper will be translated into Catalan.

Professors Moira Plant and Martin Plant presented a paper *The Third Way? Harm Maximisation and Alcohol Policy in the United Kingdom* at the 34th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society. This meeting took place in Victoria, British Columbia, from 2 – 6 June.

Professors Moira Plant and Martin Plant delivered invited lectures at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, Canada on 17 and 18 June. *Drinking and Pregnancy: A Tale of Two Continents* (Moira Plant) *Binge Britain: When Rhetoric Fails* (Martin Plant)

Bernadette Fitzgerald (EDU) hosted a conference (3 July) with South Gloucestershire Local Authority to share and celebrate the achievements of the 14 English teachers and their students in seven secondary schools which have worked with her, Local Authority advisory staff and Professor Debra Myhill (University of Exeter) in a year long initiative to promote boys' reading.

Dr Andrew Mearman, (BBS) was one of seven UK based researchers invited to attend a British Academy funded Expert Roundtable on Qualitative Comparative Analysis at the Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research at the University of Manchester (2-5 June). On 6 June he was an invited speaker at a workshop on Systematic Mixed Methods Research at the Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research at the University of Manchester. His paper was called 'Economics and Mixed Methods'. Andrew also presented a paper at the conference of the Association for Heterodox Economics at Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, 4-6 July, entitled 'Students' perceptions of Economics; and the role of heterodoxy in affecting them'.

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This year over 20 Year ten pupils from schools across the West and South Wales have participated in the University's Work Experience Scheme.

Pupils were inducted into the University on the first morning and this year more emphasis was placed on the diverse range of courses we offer and what university life is like for our students as well as staff. Feedback from the pupils was extremely positive and some, who had not considered continuing their studies in to HE, were now considering it as an option for the future.

Pupils commented on how welcome they were made to feel and that "everyday was interesting and informative as well as fun". Pupils were also surprised to discover how many varied career opportunities were available at UWE. Not only is the work experience scheme a great way to get involved with the wider local community but a fantastic way to show how UWE can help future students to reach their goals and ambitions.

Human Resources would like to take the opportunity to thank the Faculties and Services that participated throughout June and July as well as thanking Shay Dare who co-ordinated the scheme. If your Faculty or Service would like to participate in next year's scheme please contact Tim.Copley@uwe.ac.uk.

Enhanced Voluntary Severance Scheme

As you are aware the University has recently introduced an enhanced voluntary severance scheme and a flexible and phased retirement scheme. Details are on the website and can be found at www.uwe.ac.uk/hr/voluntaryseverance. The enhanced voluntary severance scheme is open to applications during the period 30 June until 31 August 2008. It contains an enhanced redundancy provision which will not be available after this date.

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This is the re-scheduled trip from July 07 and all those who were originally booked on (+ those on the waiting list) will be given priority seats for this trip. Cost: £17 members, £18 guests, £14 children (same as last year).

Fri 10 – Sun 12 October **Murder Mystery Weekend**

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Sunday 31 August	Sunday 23 November
Sunday 21 September	Sunday 14 December
Sunday 12 October	

If you would like to know more - or would like to volunteer either to lead a short walk or a longer more strenuous one for the younger (and more energetic) members please contact Amanda Cooke
0117 32 82765, e-mail Amanda.Cooke@uwe.ac.uk

A Sense of Scale: XL

Date: 1 May - 30 July 2008

Venue: Bordeaux Quay, V-Shed, Canons Way, Bristol

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Venue: Various, Bristol

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Date: 1 - 3 August 2008

Time: Fri 18:30-22:00; Sat 10:00-22:30; Sun 10:00-17:00

Venue: Harbourside, Bristol

Admission: Free Tel: 0117 922 3719 Visit: www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk/index.html

Bristol International Balloon Fiesta

Date: 7 - 10 August 2008

Venue: Ashton Court Estate, Long Ashton, Bristol

Admission: Free Visit: http://www.bristolfiesta.co.uk/

150 @ 150: 150th Anniversary Exhibition

Date: 10 August - 14 September 2008

Venue: Royal West of England Academy of Arts

Admission: Free Contact: RWA Tel: 0117 973 5129 Visit: www.rwa.org.uk

Islamic Cultural Fayre 2008

Date: 24 August 2008 (Time: 12.00-18.00)

Venue: Eastville Park, Fishponds Road/ Muller Road, Eastville, Bristol

To submit a UWE event to the Bulletin please use the form at www.uwe.ac.uk/events

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